

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Celebration Will Begin at 12 o'clock To-night.

MANY DAYS OF FESTIVITIES

Orientalists in Washington Are Cleaning House Preparing for Visitation—Dinner at Chinese Legation at Which Absent Emperor Is Host. Holiday Attire Donned.

San Lin is here, or hereabouts. Pei Nien is upon us. Wa-Shun has been in progress for several days.

"Hail-moon-tai-kat" placards have already been prepared. Beginning to-night with the stroke of 12 o'clock, "Kung ho faf too" will be a common salutation.

Lung Wong, Fung-to-thin, Tien How, and Shing Wong are about to come into their own.

However mysterious the foregoing phrases to the Caucasian, to the Chinaman—whether in Washington or in the far-away Celestial empire—they mean that the Chinese New Year, the greatest of all national festivities, is at hand.

Celestial Bacchanalia.

The Chinese New Year celebration has been aptly called a Celestial Bacchanalia. The festivities extend over a period of from one to three weeks, and practically commence several days before the close of the old year.

Here, as in the Flowery Kingdom, pleasure is the goddess, and business must be of a pressing nature to receive any attention. One who is familiar with Chinatown customs becomes aware, as he strolls down Pennsylvania avenue and visits the habitations of the Chinese, that something unusual is on.

In front of each house, grocery store, and restaurant a Chinaman will be seen with a pair of water and cloth, busily polishing windows and door knobs. Inside others may be found with what corresponds to dustpan and brush, removing every vestige of dust and cobwebs. Still others are covering the antique tables and chairs with flaming red cloth, embroidered with flowers. Swiftly moving Orientals are decorating the walls with fresh scrolls and quaint charms, similar to those that will be found in the shops and homes in the great walled cities of the Chinese empire.

Holiday Attire Donned.

The Chinese colony in Washington is in holiday attire. At the outer door of each mysterious abode are seen strips of red paper bearing weird characters. These scripts are supposed to bring good luck, wealth, and happiness to the dwellers within.

The local celebration, of course, will not contain one-tenth the features, nor possess half the éclat of the home event, where New Year's Day is observed by all the population with many quaint and peculiar customs and ceremonies.

Nevertheless, the feast of San Lin is here, as everywhere, the great yearfeast and will be observed as far as means and facilities and environment will permit. Business will be suspended for three days, while visits are interchanged.

Every laundry and store will be "open house." Each figure of the Joss will appear above a table laden with the richest of food and cigars, which will be freely dispensed to all callers. At the end of the three days business will be resumed, but nightly feasting will still be the order.

Joss House Celebration.

The religious rites will be performed at the Joss house on Four-and-a-half street, where a fine image of the Joss stands amid strictly Oriental surroundings, and is administered to by devoted priests.

Elaborate preparations for the proper observance of the festival at the Chinese Legation have been completed. The dinner which is given by the Emperor of China to his diplomatic representatives in all parts of the world on this day will be the most significant feature of the day's celebration at the legation.

The first secretary and charge d'affaires will preside at this social function in the absence of the newly appointed Minister to this country, Mr. Wu Ting-fang, who has not yet arrived at his post. The members of the legation staff, with a small number of personal friends, will sit down to the dinner table.

DRESSED AS CHILDREN.

Attractive Costumes Worn by Guests of Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium.

The gymnasium department of the Young Women's Christian Association last evening held one of the most successful entertainments in the history of the association.

The pupils and many of the guests appeared in childish attire and a number of attractive costumes were seen. Among them were little Dutch infants, Gretchenes, French dolls, pickaninnies, Burmese country lassies, and up-to-date little girls.

A feature of the evening was the singing of two songs by the Monday and Thursday class. Both songs were composed by Miss Lillian Krause, one of the members.

A fancy march, a fake band, and a kindergarten finger play were much enjoyed.

Numerous pretty favors were distributed. A luncheon committee is composed of Miss Margaret Johnson, Miss Frances Smith, and Miss Stuart.

PACKED IN GUNNY SACKS.

for Free Lodging Looked Entitled to Ship.

A last of sixty applicants for the Municipal Lodging House, street northwest, last night.

William Coleman, who prescribes a course of missionary training at the Annapolis Military Academy, and is devoting much time and energy to the building of the new parish, St. Margaret's, at St. Paul's Heights.

A procession in honor of the Most Holy Rosary will take place in St. Dominic's Church at the vesper service, 7:30 p. m., tomorrow. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at the conclusion of the procession, will be followed by blessing of religious articles.

More than a hundred children will participate in the procession, bearing banners symbolizing the Mysteries of the Rosary, and singing hymns of devotion to the Virgin. Most appropriate to the feast commemorated.

Services will be held in the chapel of the convent, at 4:30 tomorrow afternoon, in commemoration of the inauguration of the diurnal altar exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the convent, on the Feast of the Purification, 1907. The sermon will be by Rev. Father Francis T. McGarry, S. J.

Rev. Father W. D. Noon, O. P. C., will preside at the last mass to be celebrated in the chapel of the convent, at 4:30 tomorrow afternoon, in commemoration of the inauguration of the diurnal altar exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the convent, on the Feast of the Purification, 1907. The sermon will be by Rev. Father Francis T. McGarry, S. J.

To-morrow will be Communion Sunday for the Junior League of the Blessed Sacrament of St. Matthew's Church, for the boys and girls of St. Martin's parish, and for the boys and girls of St. Dominic's Church.

A month's mind mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of the Rev. Father Stafford will be offered in St. Patrick's Church Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

This service, held for the children, will be attended by all the students of St. Patrick's Academy, the

WASHINGTON PASTORS—LII.



REV. ALFRED HARDING, D. D.

Pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Twenty-third street, between Pennsylvania avenue and I street northwest.

After several years of active and successful business life in Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. Alfred Harding entered Trinity College, at Hartford, Conn., and was graduated valedictorian of the class of '79.

He took the three years' course in Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Conn., and received his degree of master of arts from Trinity College in 1882. In that year he was ordained deacon by Bishop Littlejohn, of Long Island. He served his deaconate as curate of Trinity Church, Geneva, N. Y., under the charge of Rev. H. W. Nelson, D. D.

He was ordained priest in 1885, and shortly after accepted a call to be first assistant in old St. Paul's parish, Baltimore, Md., under Rev. Dr. J. S. Hedges, rector. In 1887 he had simultaneous calls to Trinity Church, Wilmington, Del., and to St. Paul's, Washington.

He accepted the latter, and on February 19, 1908, will have completed twenty-one years as rector of his first and only parish.

His connection with the diocese, reckoning from his coming into the Diocese of Maryland, will in a month round out a quarter of a century. He was one of the promoters of the formation of the Diocese of Washington in 1886.

Dr. Harding has been secretary of the standing committee since the formation of the diocese, and has served as deputy from Washington to four successive general conventions.

He was given the degree of doctor of divinity by his alma mater in 1902.

Rev. Dr. Harding is chaplain and trustee of the House of Mercy, member of the board of governors of the Episcopal Hospital, secretary of the board of directors of Columbia Hospital; also a member of the chapter of the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, and in this capacity he is one of the visiting committee of the National Cathedral School for Girls, and is an instructor at the same institution.

Some years ago Dr. Harding was called to Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo., but declined.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES.

Local interests in Catholic circles have centered upon St. Patrick's parish since the death of Rev. Father Stafford, and the appointment of a successor to the revered pastor has been the all-absorbing theme.

Rev. Father William T. Russell, S. T. L., secretary to His Eminence the Cardinal, has been made pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and will enter upon his duties as pastor at an early date.

Father Russell's personal qualifications, mental attributes, and work in the holy ministry justify this high recognition of merit, and stamp him a worthy successor to the universally beloved Father Stafford.

The Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Presentation of Our Lord will be celebrated by the Catholic Church to-morrow.

The mass alone shows the object of this feast: Mary presenting her Son, Jesus, to the Lord, and offering her heart to Him. For the Holy Father, on this, the fortieth day after His birth.

Shrine of the Sacred Heart, after each of the morning services, and from 3 to 5 p. m. St. Paul's, after the 7 o'clock mass and at 7 p. m.

St. Stephen's, after each mass Monday morning, Church of the Immaculate Conception, after the 7 o'clock mass, at 3:15 in the afternoon, and at 7:30 p. m.

St. Mary's, high mass will be celebrated at 8 a. m. in honor of the feast; threats to be blessed after the 7:30 mass and at 7:30 p. m.

Church of the Holy Comforter, threats will be blessed after the 7:30 mass and at 7:30 p. m. St. Vincent de Paul's, after the 7 o'clock mass, at 3:15 in the afternoon, and at 7:30 p. m.

St. Vincent de Paul's, after the early mass and between 4 and 5 in the afternoon. St. Martin's, after the 7:30 o'clock mass and at 7 p. m.

The Feast of St. Francis de Sales was solemnized in an especial manner last Wednesday at the national feast of the Apostolic Mission House, Brookland; the current of the Visitation, Georgetown, and the Convent of the Visitation, Connecticut avenue.

The ceremonies in the Apostolic Mission House were most impressive. The chapel could not accommodate the gathering of students and priests who assembled for the evening devotion in honor of the patron saint. A number of worshippers, unable to gain admittance, knelt in the corridors, and the grouping there of scholars and priests only added to the devotional impression of the scene.

Rev. Father A. P. Doyle, rector of the Mission House, delivered a cogent and earnest address on the feast of St. Francis de Sales, followed by St. Francis de Sales in the chair.

The benediction service, in the Convent at the Visitation, Connecticut avenue, Wednesday afternoon, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, was attended by the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, formed from the alumnæ of the convent of the Visitation in the District.

The following programme was excellently rendered: Largo, by Handel, organ; Miss M. Mullaly, violin; Mrs. Bertha Lucas Stoddard; harp; Clara Ross, "O Salutaris," by Salome, vocalist; Mrs. E. J. O'Connor, violin; Mrs. Stoddard, "Ave Maria," by Rosini; Miss Margaret Ayler, "Tantum Ergo" (Winter), chorus; violin solo, "Cantata," (Bolton), Mrs. Stoddard; "Veni Creator," (Gieseler), chorus.

The sermon, a masterful panegyric on the life of St. Francis de Sales, was by Rev. Father C. N. Raley, S. J., of Georgetown University.

The Church of St. Francis de Sales, in Langdon, Rev. A. M. Mark, pastor, will be dedicated at 8:30 to-morrow morning. The music will be rendered by a choir composed chiefly of girls from St. Vincent's, Miss Emily Dittie, soprano; Miss Edna Hillard and Miss Anna Miskal, alto, Organist, Miss Mary Reigh.

Services in the new chapel, St. Margaret's, at East Pleasant, near Chesapeake Junction, are conducted by Rev. Father Albert Smith, of the Apostolic Mission House. Mass every Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock is edifyingly attended by a congregation of such proportions as clearly indicates that a chapel in that vicinity was much needed.

The Holy Name Society of St. Dominic's Church met this week and elected the following officers and chairman of membership committee: M. J. Killian; Thomas T. Brown, William T. Nemoyle, and Thomas Gattig; novice master and chairman of committee for visiting sick, Robert O'Neill; marshal, M. A. Shurgue; librarian and chairman of entertainment committee, Joseph Fitzgerald; secretary, M. J. Kelly.

The council will meet for transaction of important business Friday evening, February 7, in the parish hall.

Sunday, February 9, the society will attend the 7:30 o'clock mass and receive Holy Communion in a body.

HAS POWER TO HEAL

Rev. Dr. Worcester Explains "Psycho-therapy."

HUNDREDS REPORTED CURED

Eminent Episcopal Clergyman and Psychologist Tells of Mysterious Treatment of Neurotic Diseases. Churchmen and Physicians Interested in Exposition of Methods.

Not for a long time has the visit of any clergyman coming simply to tell of his own methods of pastoral work and the results attained created such a profound impression as did that of Dr. Elwood Worcester Monday and Tuesday last, when, in St. Andrew's parish, he spoke as the exponent of "Psycho-therapy," as practiced in Emmanuel parish, Boston, to the hundreds of earnest men and women present.

Dr. Worcester is conceded to be one of the first psychologists in the country. His address on Monday was in the church, which was crowded to excess. On Tuesday he spoke in the parish hall to the clergy and medical profession only. At that meeting practically every physician and Protestant clergyman was present.

The work in Boston began with the treatment of consumptives in their homes, and was marvellously successful. Next, after consultation with eminent neurologists, Dr. Worcester undertook the treatment of neurotic diseases, which have their seat in moral and mental conditions, and are often beyond the reach of drugs.

Hundreds were cured. Utterly disclaiming anything pertaining to the occult, Dr. Worcester in the most dispassionate and disinterested manner, and with the aid of the two professions devoted to the curing of men's bodily and moral ills.

At the close of his address all sorts of questions were literally showered upon him by clergyman and medical men, which were readily and satisfactorily answered. Dr. Worcester, the eminent neurologist of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Dr. Barker, read a paper on the same subject.

In September last, while we were in Washington were on the eve of laying the cornerstone of the Cathedral to be built on Mount St. Alban, church people in Cleveland, Ohio, were rejoicing in the consecration of a cathedral which had just left the builder's hands. In fact, bishops and other clergy passed directly from their participation in the stately ceremonial of the consecration services in Cleveland to the yet more stately services connected with the beginning of Washington's cathedral.

The two cathedrals will forever retain the bond of union thus created. But by grateful and other hands still have been forged. To the Ohio cathedral Bishop Satterlee presented five Jordan stones, which have since been cemented in the bowl of the font. Moreover, a piece of the stone from which the altar of the Washington cathedral has been sent to Cleveland to be inserted in the top slab of its cathedral altar. The stone from which this fragment was taken is one of the stones hewn from the limestone quarry of the "Quarries of Solomon," the entrance to which is just without the Damascus gate.

Everything is in readiness for the missionary mass meeting to be held to-morrow at Continental Hall at 4 p. m.

Dr. Harding, rector of St. Paul's, who is chairman of the committee of arrangements, has secured as speakers the bishop of the diocese, the Bishop of the Philippine Islands, Bishop C. H. Brent, D. D., and Chaplain Pierce, D. D.

Bishop Brent has been bishop of the Philippines since 1901, and he has proved himself a most successful missionary. With the exception of a year spent in Buffalo, all his ministry was exercised in Boston, in connection with St. John the Evangelist and St. Stephen's churches. He was consecrated on December 19, 1901, Bishop of the Philippine Islands by Bishop Doane, of Albany, assisted by seven other bishops of whom one was the present primate of Canada, Archbishop Sweetman. Also under his ecclesiastical care are the islands of Guam and Wake. He has eleven clergy and several lay readers in his island diocese. The spacious platform of Continental Hall will be reserved for the clergy and for a large choir of Sunday-school children, who have been invited to sing at the service.

A quartet of the Marine Band will also be on the platform.

Ever since the general convention passed the new amendment to canon 15, of persons not ministers in the church officiating in any congregation thereof, the bishops have been kept busy telling what the canon does not mean. Bishop Paret has just sent out on a pastoral letter his interpretation of it. As usual, the bishop is most clear and explicit. After saying that the expression "open pulpits" is "absolutely without authority," he says:

"Three thorough examinations on subjects carefully prescribed are required of the candidate before he can be ordained priest, and these are to test and assure his holding and teaching sound doctrine."

As a bishop I have promised in my ordination vows to the church, and as a member of the church I have promised to the church, to uphold the church's doctrine. How can I do this with those who do not acknowledge my authority?"

Bishop Paret was once appropriately called by Bishop Brooks the sheet anchor of the American Episcopate.

At St. Mark's Church, Capitol Hill, which was formerly the Pro-Cathedral, there is to be a double ordination to-morrow at 11 a. m. Mr. Wallace N. Pierson, of the Virginia Theological Seminary, is to be ordained deacon, and the Rev. James C. Van Loon, now in charge of St. Monica's Chapel, southwest, is to be ordained priest. Mr. Pierson is assigned to serve as assistant at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Dr. G. Williamson Smith, formerly president of Trinity College, Hartford, will be the preacher.

A good piece of news comes from Calvary Chapel, Thirtieth and H street northeast, in charge of Rev. P. A. J. Bennett. Eighteen months ago Calvary was in a state of financial straits, and in the hands of a receiver. It is now in a state of financial independence, and is able to maintain its own work without any outside aid. The next step is to secure funds for a chapel building, which is most urgently needed.

At Mrs. William B. Noble's residence, 124 N. street, the central committee of social service questions met last night to perfect its organization and plan for future work. A committee is to be formed in each parish to co-operate with this central committee.

Rev. Dr. Harding, rector of St. Paul's Church, as chairman of the committee on resolutions, in connection with the Sunday rest movement, called his committee together yesterday at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church to consider the subject of a Sunday rest movement in this city, a change necessitated by Dr. Mc-

Kim's leaving the city. Next week a mass meeting is projected, when the resolutions will be presented.

At the winter meeting of the archdeaconry, to be held next Wednesday at 1 p. m., at the Pro-Cathedral, such matters as colored work, social service, and the support of the overseas missionary work will be taken up.

Archdeacon Stuck, not archbishop as we sometimes see him styled—an archdeacon not being a bishop at all, though he is generally regarded as the bishop's right-hand man—is to lecture on Alaska Tuesday next in Trinity parish hall. The archdeacon used to be dean of Dallas, Tex., but moved by the missionary spirit he resigned his deanery to go as a missionary to Alaska, where Bishop Rowe, who

Keeps God's scattered sheep Hard by the wintry main—made him his archdeacon, with his headquarters near Fairbanks. In addition to giving his lecture on Alaska Tuesday next in Trinity parish hall, the archdeacon is to address meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary on both Monday and Tuesday.

Bishop Padlock, the new Bishop of Eastern Oregon, is to be in the city on February 9 and 10. He is coming to tell what has been done by him in the slums of New York City, when in charge of the parish of the Holy Apostles, and how he hopes, along similar lines, to work out the problems which meet the missionary clergy on the Pacific Slope. The bishop is to preach at St. Thomas' at 11 a. m., and St. Mark's at 8 p. m., February 9.

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society announces that toward the full amount of \$105,000 which the church has been asked to contribute for the work of the society, it had received \$35,500 to January 1, compared with \$30,413 to the same date a year ago, and that 753 parishes had been heard from, against 737 last year.

This, while by no means satisfactory, is yet encouraging in that, it shows the hard times have not very materially affected the offerings. Moreover, it is somewhat better than appears at first glance, for while from the combined contributions from parishes only \$35,500 have been received, yet from other sources contributions received bring the sum total to \$60,000. However, inasmuch as \$49,000 have been received from the parishes, it is the combined work of the church and the parishes during the same period, it is high time churchmen throughout the near-by 6,300 parishes and missions of the church were bestirring themselves.

So far as Washington's quota is concerned, which amounts to \$11,200, there has been contributed \$7,072. But last year the society had only received to same date \$42,965.

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, 11th and C sts. n. w. Rev. George Calvert Carter, M. A., rector. Rev